

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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SUBSCRIPTIONS '76

Your subscriptions for 1976 are now due and within the next 6 weeks a member of the Society will be knocking on your door to collect your 30p. Even in these times of raging inflation, we have kept the subscription down to 30p but we must emphasize that the subscriptions are our only form of finance. So please have your 30p ready and, if you wish to make a donation over and above your subscription, we will be very pleased to accept it. If you prefer (and it would help!), please drop your sub together with the tear-off strip at the bottom of this newsletter through any of the addresses indicated below.

BRENTHAM ALLOTMENTS

Mr. J. Lewington F.R.I.C.S., the Surveyor for the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, came to Brentham on Monday 23th January to meet and discuss with interested parties the proposed appropriation of the allotments for housing purposes. Mr. Lewington acts as the technical advisor to the D.O.E. on allotment matters and therefore his opinion is hopefully followed, so it was extremely important to ensure he was presented with all the facts.

Your Chairman attended the meeting, together with representatives of the Brentham Horticultural Society, the local Allotments Association and a representative from the National Allotment Society. The local Allotment Action Group was strongly represented and a number of aggrieved plot-holders also attended. The London Borough of Ealing Parks & Amenities Group also sent a representative who was, members will be pleased to know, extremely sympathetic to our point of view.

All parties put forward their points clearly and concisely and as forcible as is possible under the circumstances. Mr. Lewington listened closely to everything that was said, asked numerous questions and made copious notes. A detailed site inspection was made and, in all, Mr. Lewington was present for the best part of two hours.

Mr. Lewington now has to report back to the D.O.E. with his recommendations, who in their turn advise the London Borough of Ealing. Unfortunately, we do not get the opportunity at this stage of seeing Mr. Lewington's report, so we must wait patiently to hear from either the D.O.E. or the L.B. of E. Keep your fingers crossed!

CHEESE & WINE PARTY

Your Society's Cheese & Wine Party will again take place this year on Friday, 5th March at 1 Winscombe Crescent, so make a diary note now!! Tickets will be 85p. In order to help catering facilities, could you please order your batch in advance from Marjorie Miles at 43 Holyoake Walk. Members will remember that this has been a successful social event in the past and we look forward to seeing you again this year, particularly any new residents on the Estate.

LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET CONSERVATION EVENING

Your Society was invited to show the Brentham Film at the Town Hall at the Borough Conservation Evening. We shared the programme with the Norfolk Conservation Area, who presented an excellent audio-visual display. After the interval, when coffee and biscuits were served, the Brentham Film was shown, preceded by a short talk by Clive Hicks and Brian Fallon, who were both closely connected with the making of the film. It was a most enjoyable evening and we thought most successful.

NATIONAL TRUST

Your Committee are hoping to invite a representative from the National Trust to come and talk to the Society about the activities of the National Trust. Hopefully we can advise him further about Brentham and its position in the Architectural Heritage of the Country.

BRENTHAM FILM AND SLIDES

Due to the constant requests, we are hoping to show the Brentham Film and the slides of the Estate in March, so those who did not see it the first time or wish to see them again can have the opportunity. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

As you all know, we provided a Christmas voucher for some of the older residents on the estate and we would like to thank those residents who donated towards the cost of those vouchers. We know they are greatly appreciated by the recipients and this makes your kind donations even more worth while.

We should like to borrow a member/representative from our membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p subscription.

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Please give to: Marjorie Miles, 43 Holyoke Walk, or
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